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**CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT**

**West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)**

**Accomplishments through October 31, 2003:**

The big news of the week is that due to the weather the paving **will not** be occurring this year. We will startup as soon as practical next spring to finish the project. The guardrail will be continuing until completion this year along the new road. The guardrail North of the dam will not be installed until next spring. Signs and delineators will also be installed this year before leaving for the season. The guardrail and sign work will continue for two or three more weeks. There will also be some road maintenance work going on as well.

**Future activities planned for the project:**

Pumco, Inc. will be taking care of the road maintenance (not snow removal) over the winter. Please forward any road conditions and concerns to Mike Smith with Pumco, Inc. at 406-273-2811. Also I can be reached by E-mail at: [Todd.Butikofer@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Todd.Butikofer@fhwa.dot.gov) I still can be reached at the phone number below for the next two to three weeks.

**Other news of note:**

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday thru Friday, no work this Saturday November 1, 2003. **There will be no road closures for the following week, only flaggers and pilot cars. Once paving starts up the closures will start up again.**

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

**During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car.** Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

